



BICYCLE GUIDELINES

RULES OF THE ROAD

In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways, and must obey the same traffic laws as the operators of other vehicles. These laws include stopping for stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night, and yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway.



As a general matter, it is legal to ride a bike on a sidewalk in Florida. However, cyclists should note that as long as they are biking on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, they have all the same responsibilities as pedestrians.

SAFETY TIPS



- **Protect your Head.** Wear a helmet.
- **Stay Visible.** Use lights when biking at night or in low light conditions.
- **Look, Signal, and Look Again.** Use hand signals to let drivers know where you are going. Don't assume drivers will stop.
- **Go with the Flow.** Bike in the direction of traffic.
- **Obey all Traffic Laws and Lights.**
- **Test your Bike.** Check your brakes and your wheels. Make sure that "quick release" wheels are properly secured.
- **Stay Alert.** Keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.

BIKE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All bicycles owned by students, faculty, and staff and used on campus must be registered with the Office of Public Safety. Registration forms can be completed at the Public Safety Office in Kimbrough Hall at any time. The registration decal is valid for four (4) years. There is no charge for bicycle registration or the permit sticker. The reflective registration decal must be affixed to the vertical part of the frame facing forward.

PARKING AND STORAGE

- All bicycles on campus must be parked or stored in a bicycle rack or in an area otherwise authorized.
- Bicycles may not be secured to fire hydrants, trees, parking signs, fences, posts, benches, stairwells and railings, ramps (handicap and/or other), or in the egress path of any building. Bicycles may be stored in student rooms or in office spaces as long as they are in a safe place not blocking egress, doorways, hallways, walkways, or exits. Bicycles may not be stored in common areas such as hallways, lobbies, stairwells, restrooms, etc.
- Summer storage for student bicycles is not available. Bicycles may not be left on racks over the summer break. Bicycles left on racks over the summer break will be removed and, if not claimed by the owner within 30 days, become the property of Ringling College of Art and Design to be used, donated, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the College.
- Bicycle racks will be available for students who are assigned housing over the summer or have summer jobs on campus and for faculty and staff working the summer months.



VIOLATION OF POLICY

Any bicycle in violation of the College's bicycle policy (unregistered, showing an expired registration decal, or improperly parked or stored) will be removed. If removal requires the cutting of a chain, cable, or lock, the College will not be responsible for replacing that chain, cable, or lock. To be reclaimed, a storage fee of \$1 per day will be charged (maximum fee not to exceed \$20). Any bicycle not claimed within 30 days from the date of removal will become the property of Ringling College of Art and Design and may be used, donated, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the College.

NON-EMERGENCY 941-309-4121

24 HOUR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY 941-359-7500



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